

LEONARD TOPP IS KILLED IN LOS ANGELES

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LOS ANGELES, Jan. 1.—Walking up to Leonard Topp, a Prescott, Arizona man, who was buying a bottle of whiskey in a liquor store on West Seventh street tonight, Miss Gabrielle Dardley, also of Prescott, fired a bullet into his heart.

Instead of falling dead, Topp seized the girl, threw her violently to the floor, and then beat her about the head. Turning to the proprietor of the store, Topp said: "Well, I am done," and fell dead.

Miss Dardley was arrested. At the city jail she said: "For two years and a half Topp had made me believe he would marry me. I trusted him and believed him. Then, one day I learned he intended to leave Prescott. I followed him to Los Angeles. When I got here, I saw him with another woman. I tried for some time to get him to talk to me, but he always refused. I learned just a day or two ago that he was to marry the woman I saw him with."

At this point, Miss Dardley refused to say another word and turned from the door of her cell. She absolutely refused to tell where her people lived, or give any other information about herself, except that she was 18 and came here from Prescott. The police found a small revolver in her muff, with one cartridge exploded.

In the scuffle with Topp, Miss Dardley received severe cuts and bruises, and after being treated at the receiving hospital, she was placed in a cell. The police will endeavor to find out who and where her parents are. Topp was a bar tender.

News of the killing of Leonard Topp was received in Prescott last night with expressions of regret from his many friends, although it was learned this fate to overtake him was not unexpected. Gabrielle, it is reported, had armed herself and had threatened his life while both were residing here, informing friends she would never submit to him abandoning her. Her affection for the man assumed an intensity that she stated could only end in his or her death, and so far as the man was to be considered, she would follow and run him down even at the cost of his life.

After Topp left Prescott early in September, Gabrielle learned a few days later of his destination, when she took the train for Los Angeles. The pursuit of her lover proved futile, and she returned to Prescott, and made inquiry of friends of his location in the California city. A few days later she again left, and nothing was learned of her whereabouts until the tragedy of yesterday took place.

On the other hand Topp had also informed friends of his desire to get rid of the woman, and he left Prescott to avoid an affection which seemed to burden him.

Leonard Topp was born in Windsor, Canada, about 35 years ago. He came to Prescott with the 18th U. S. infantry from the Philippines about six years ago, and was mustered out of the service at Fort Whipple, with an honorable discharge from the machine gun platoon, a short time afterward. In civil life he followed the vocation of a bartender, and later was selected as president of the local union.

Miss Gabrielle Dardley as she calls herself, was the widow of Tony Presti, better known by his sporting sobriquet of "Kid Kirby." He was shot down and instantly killed on the plaza in this city in May of 1912, by a negro named Campbell, who was sentenced to hang and a short time ago had his sentence commuted to life imprisonment.

The liaison had its inception about three years ago, and the tragedy closes another sad chapter in the lives of those who live by the way.

DUNKIRK MILL MAKES TEST RUN

(From Sunday's Daily.)

The initial run of the Dunkirk mill has been made, by D. M. Clark and associates who recently took over the property, and results were satisfactory. A batch of twenty-five tons was treated to test the machinery and the recovery of values, in gold principally, reached 90% of the assay values given. This saving can be made higher, when the flotation process is installed. Mine work goes ahead, and in a short time the plant starts up on a permanent basis, the dump having over 2,500 tons ready, and the mill a capacity of 40 tons per day.

BRADSHAW MINES FAC EGREAT FUTURE

(From Friday's Daily.)

Advices received from San Francisco yesterday dispel all doubt that the big custom reduction plant for the Bradshaw mines will be realized, and at once. The information at hand states that Herman A. Wagoner and a corps of assistant engineers will arrive in Prescott on Sunday, and all will proceed on Monday to Crown King to begin construction of a fifty-ton electrochemical mill that was decided upon several weeks ago. The crystallization of this movement follows the organizing of the Gray Eagle Reduction Company, with G. S. Connelly, the Springfield, Illinois, banker at the head, and which was endorsed by W. J. McCoy, one of the noted mining engineers of the country. To add interest to the final consummation of plans to this end, the first shipment of machinery has arrived in this city, and during the coming week the balance will come. The first unit will be of the capacity named, and the initial test run is to be made by Wagoner of the complex ores of that field, and which this new process is reputed to be capable of treating successfully. Wagoner inspected the various mines of the district several weeks ago, and is well known in metallurgical circles. All details have been closed, including the acquiring of sufficient water from the old workings of the Crown King mine, as well as the purchasing of a site for the mill. With a successful method of treatment installed, a well known mining man of Crown King stated yesterday that this belt is capable of supplying at least 1,000 tons of ore per day, while F. M. Murphy says his holdings will provide the plant a minimum of 200 tons per day. It is also understood the Gray Eagle Company is to control the new process of reduction, the mineral field within a radius of twelve miles of Crown King.

NEW HAVEN MAN RELATES ROMANCE

(From Friday's Daily.)

And what next? Here comes a story from the far east to the chief of police in Prescott which has some wild and woolly attachments. The writer, whose name is not given, seems to think that there is a bad man hiding in this part of the country, and evidently desires the officers to look him up. The communication is written on a postal card and is very hard to decipher, the card being directed to "Chief of Police," Yavapai, Arizona." It reads as follows:

"New Haven, Conn., Dec. 25, 1914. "Dear Sir: This might surprise you. There is a family here in this town called Allens. I think some of them are Bertes, or an imitation of Bates. They are also, I think, a part of Dick Turner's gang of stage robbers with different names. They kidnaped a baby boy years ago. If they didn't murder his parents they wouldn't let him work for fear he would find out something about himself and nearly starved him to death. I think King Edward of England had a hand in this raid. They might have hung out with some gypsies. The boy is getting crooked now too. He drew a gun to kill two men some time ago. They were going for him, too."

The balance of the card cannot be deciphered accurately, but it is plain that the writer means to say this man moved to this section of Arizona and is wanted at New Haven.

LONE REPUBLICAN READY FOR DUTY

(From Friday's Daily.)

Thos. E. Campbell, elected as a member of the State Tax Commission, leaves Prescott tomorrow morning at 3 o'clock, and immediately upon arriving at Phoenix, goes to the capitol building to take the oath of office. Campbell will be the lone Republican in Arizona in state office, but he is equal to the occasion, and begins his responsible duties by enjoying the confidence of the people at large, and with a capability that gives him a clear track without an equal in his line of public duty. It is quietly reported that Campbell's advent into the official fold is a decidedly pleasing one to the inexperienced wobbles on tax and other vital matters facing the administration, and he is urged to get in official fetters immediately. Campbell, however, will not get down to business until January 7, and in the meantime he will represent Yavapai county at the Douglas convention of the Arizona Cattle Growers' Association. Mrs. Campbell and children will remain in Prescott for the present, and later go to Phoenix to reside.

SCRIPPS DIES.

PASADENA, Dec. 31.—W. A. Scripps, brother of the newspaper publisher and founder of Scripps, died today, aged seventy-six. He had been in ill health a long time.

TO RESUME WORK ON ARKANSAS AT JEROME

(From Friday's Daily.)

Indications are good for the resumption of development work on the property of the Arkansas and Arizona Copper Company at Jerome. A recent meeting of the stockholders, held at Little Rock, Arkansas, authorized a bond issue and made arrangements for the payment of outstanding indebtedness and the resumption of work. The details of the meeting and plans of the company are contained in an article in the Arkansas Gazette, published at Little Rock, which reads as follows:

To Issue Bonds.
A \$150,000 bond issue to raise funds to resume development of the Arkansas and Arizona Copper Company's property at Jerome, Arizona, was authorized by the stockholders at a special meeting yesterday at the Hotel Marion. A resolution was passed authorizing the auditor, W. P. Weld, to call in all outstanding certificates of stock for registration. The meeting was called by C. W. Clark, acting president, and a large number of stockholders were present including J. E. Leeper of Jerome, Arizona, secretary; W. M. Kavanaugh of Little Rock, treasurer, and Auditor Weld.

Operation of the mine was discontinued in November and a meeting was called by the late Wm. R. Tucker for November 18. Mr. Tucker met his death by accident before this date, but the meeting was held, although no action was taken for the resumption of operations.

The bonds are to be sold to stockholders only, and at par. The money thus obtained will be used in paying the company's indebtedness, which is said to be about \$26,000, and the remainder will be used for development of the mine.

The company's property adjoins that of the United Verde mine near Jerome, Arizona, one of the largest copper mines in the world. Recently an extension mine of this company called the Little Daisy, has developed into another big producing mine and this fact has encouraged all connected with the Arkansas and Arizona company.

Good Producer.
Secretary Leeper, who has just come from Jerome, told the stockholders that the vein of copper struck by the Little Daisy also crossed the property of the Arkansas and Arizona company and that prospects for a big producer are brighter than ever.

The equipment is the most modern in construction and is capable of moving 2,000 tons of ore daily, it is said.

In the resolutions adopted it was provided that when the operation of the mine is resumed, a competent and approved engineer of practical experience should be employed to avoid mistakes in underground operations in the future. The annual stockholders' meeting will be held January 13 at Jerome.

MEETINGS WERE SUCCESS, SAYS MILLER

(From Saturday's Daily.)

County Superintendent W. Curtis Miller returned from Phoenix enthused over the meeting of the State Teachers' Association and State Board of Education. He says that while the attendance was not so large as it should have been, on account of the floods in the southern part of the state, the meeting was extremely interesting and the entertainment of visitors by Phoenix was grand.

He also attended the regular meetings of the two organizations named, and appeared before the state tax commissioners and answered queries with reference to the levying of taxes for school purposes in Arizona, was a guest at the meeting of what is known as the Maricopa County School Masters' Club, and attended a dinner given by the girls of the domestic science department of the Phoenix Monroe school. This dinner was at the Adams hotel, and the articles served were those cooked by members of the domestic science department.

Mr. Miller says that the committee on laws, which was appointed at the meeting, comprises some six or seven leading educators, with Dr. R. B. von Klein Smid, president of the Arizona State University, as chairman. The same gentleman was elected as president of the State Teachers' Association.

Mr. Miller delivered an address before the state tax commissioners, and also took a leading part in the discussions at the sessions of the two associations of which he is a member.

OLD RANCH SOLD.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The deed was recorded yesterday from J. C. Maxwell to Julia W. Warren, by which the former sells his ranch on Beaver creek of 142 acres, the consideration being nominal. The place is one of the oldest and best improved in that section, and the sum involved in the deal is said to be for several thousand dollars.

PROSPEROUS ERA FACES THE WALKER DISTRICT

(From Friday's Daily.)

"There is luck in odd numbers, and this old adage applies to 1915, indicating this will be the best year the Walker district has ever enjoyed," said John Burris, the mining man who arrived in the city yesterday. Giving a review of mines operating, and those preparing to develop, Burris stated that several transactions had been closed during the week, from which the situation as to the future might be accurately judged. He said that Stuke brothers had added to their Eureka holdings by taking over the Champion and Shelton properties, and would place a force on each at once. This firm has also rebuilt the old Griffin ten-stamp mill on the Champion mine, and the above group of three mines had accumulated several hundred tons of ore to treat.

The deal for taking over the old Accidental has been closed, and Robert, William and Harry Henderson and Frank Wilson were to begin operations on January 1. A camp is being established and the "big four," as they are familiarly known, have outlined extensive exploration on this famous gold producer of early days.

Jersey McCloud and Ed. Wickes have taken charge of the Porphyry, owned by McCloud and the estate of Morris Crump, and are developing. Shipments are to be made, and quite a tonnage is on the dumps already.

The Poorman, of J. N. Duncan, has about 500 tons on the dump ready for treatment at the Poland mill. A test run made of over 150 tons a short time ago gave flattering returns, and the owner expects to keep the plant running for the rest of the winter.

John Curran, on the Sunrise, is taking out shipping ore, and in a short time will be a steady producer. Placer mining continues quiet active along Lynx creek for a distance of over six miles, due to the late rains and snow, affording a supply of water for months to come.

Burris, in short, is quite elated over the outlook of the Walker field.

RELATIVES OF BUEHLER HAVE WAR MISFORTUNES

(From Friday's Daily.)

R. M. Buehler, manager of the Prescott Telephone Exchange, was able to be at his office again yesterday, after a few days' illness at his home. He received a letter from his sister, Mrs. E. Stutz, of Swabknur, Germany, yesterday, in which it was stated that two of his nephews, sons of his sister had had luck in the war, one of them being unaccounted for and the other having been captured in Holland where he fled with other German forces during the attack on Antwerp. Holland is a neutral country, and when the retreating soldiers entered the country they were taken in charge by the Holland government much in the same manner Uncle Sam took charge of the Mexicans who fled across the line during the Carranza revolution. The letter, Mr. Buehler says, breathes the spirit of great hope in the final success of the German arms, and says that Germany has been winning some great victories. It also speaks of the great hardships and sorrows in Germany on account of the conflict of blood.

MINING ACTIVE IN THE ZONIA FIELD

(From Saturday's Daily.)

R. Robertson, a mining operator of the Zonia section, who is in the city, is quite enthusiastic over several properties under development, and anticipates the present year will see heavy production.

"One feature of the district, is that the gold values in the copper ores will warrant the expenditure of capital, and with this mineral combination proven, all that is required is development to depth," he stated yesterday.

Robertson also mentioned that a strike had taken place in a mine at a depth of 80 feet, from which copper ore in a two-foot vein had been taken that assayed from 15 per cent to 20 per cent. He was not permitted to give publicity to the name of the property, but verified it as true, however. But little publicity is given that region, he says, but the fact remains that there are more mines working at present than at any time in the past ten years.

FIRST JEW GOVERNOR.

BOISE, Jan. 1.—Moses Alexander, who is believed to be the first man of the Jewish faith to be elected chief magistrate of any of the states, was inaugurated as governor of Idaho today in the presence of a large assemblage of people who gathered here from all parts of the state to witness the ceremony. The new governor is a native of Germany and came to the United States in 1867. He is a resident of Boise and has large financial business interests here.

TIGHTENING THE STATE GAME SCREWS

(From Friday's Daily.)

No more deer.
No more turkey.
Nothing but cottontails and jack-rabbits.

This is about the remnants of game which will be left as prey for sportsmen in Arizona if the proposed new game law is passed by the coming session of the legislature and signed by the governor. Such a bill is already prepared for introduction, according to some of the Prescott hunters who have received a copy of its text. It is the result of the recommendation of State Game Warden G. M. Willard, who claims it is necessary to preserve the classes of game named. And the bill also provides further restrictions with reference to other classes of four-footed animals and fowls.

For the purposes of the law, Arizona is to be divided into two game zones, number one lying north of a straight line drawn across the state from Parker to Springville and number two comprising the territory to the south of that line.

Provisions for open seasons are distributed as follows:

Ducks—All varieties, October 15 to February 1; allowance twenty-five of all varieties to each seven successive days.

Quail, dove, white-wings, etc.—October 1 to February 1; allowance 25 of all varieties to any one hunter in any one day.

Jackrabbits and cottontails—October 1 to February 1; allowance unlimited.

It is stated that hunters have taken the liberty to fudge on the bird season, and when caught with the goods on them pleaded that they are hunting rabbits, making the limitations necessary, according to the game warden, if game is to be properly preserved for the conservative benefit of the whole populace. It is said that by making the small game season coincide with the rabbit season, this difficulty will be obviated.

The zone system is made also applicable to the fishing laws. In zone number one trout, bass, crappie and catfish may be sought from June 1 to September 1, while in zone number two these same varieties can only be sought from September 1 to December 1.

Change in License Fees.
A change in the license fee is also provided for in the proposed new law. The resident license is raised from twenty-five cents to one dollar and the non-resident fee is fixed at \$10. Aliens, meaning those inhabitants of the big labor camps who supplement their bacon and beans with game which they pot in the surrounding wilds, will be made to pay a gun license of \$25 which carries with it a hunting permit. Another provision is made for an alien who has made application for citizenship papers, making a four months' residence in the state all that is necessary for the securing of a one dollar license fee. All non-residents, under the existing law, are required to live in the state one year before becoming eligible to obtain the benefit of the resident fee, which now is one-half dollar.

WOMAN SHOT IN CELEBRATING DAWN OF 1915

(From Saturday's Daily.)

A report reached Prescott yesterday to the effect that a Mexican woman was shot through the arm and quite badly wounded during the shooting of guns in Jerome New Year's eve. It was impossible to ascertain the name of the victim.

There was also some careless using of firearms in Prescott as well. One incident is related when a woman in front of a business house was shooting a shotgun into the air. Once the shell refused to explode and she "broke" the gun to see what was the matter. As she attempted to close the gun for action the shell exploded and the contents of the shell, large sized shot, splattered the mud in the street within one foot of the sidewalk, all over a lot of bystanders. Here was a chance for an accidental shooting which could have easily caused the death of more than one, for the sidewalk was lined with people and a large crowd was near the woman with the gun.

SECOND TRIAL.

ALBANY, Jan. 2.—The second trial of Malcolm Gifford, Jr., son of a wealthy Hudson manufacturer, on a charge of having murdered Frank J. Clute, an Albany chauffeur, in scheduled to begin here Monday. The first trial took place last July and resulted in a disagreement of the jury. Since that time Gifford has been at liberty under \$20,000 bail.

STOCK QUOTATIONS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Amalgamated, 52; Sugar, 102½; bid; Atchison, 93; Southern Pacific, 82; Union Pacific, 116; Steel, 49½; Steel, (preferred), 104½ bid.

SHIFTING SANDS AT TEMPLE OF JUSTICE

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Every county officer and deputy qualified for the term commencing January 1, in time to begin promptly with the new year. The only changes which are very noticeable, however, are in the sheriff's office. The last act there was performed between ten o'clock and midnight Thursday, when Sheriff Keeler turned the keys over to Joe Young and said goodbye. This left Mr. Young as chief, Tom Marks as under-sheriff, Guy Bozarth as office deputy, Johnny Dial as field deputy and Ben Powers as jailer. Not an old face was left in the office, except that of "Dick," the faithful Maltese office cat which has "served" with the sheriff ever since before the administration of Sheriff Lowry.

Many friends called yesterday to congratulate Sheriff Young and his helpers. Mr. Young is not new to the business. As field deputy for Sheriff Keeler for a long time, he secured an insight to the trend of office and field business which will be of great value to him now—in fact, he takes hold of the business just like a man who knows how.

When Under-Sheriff Chas. Raible stepped out of office Thursday night he finished no less than fourteen years in the county court house in various official capacities, once having been deputy assessor. What he will now turn his attention to is not known.

Campbell Out.

C. E. Gentry, the new assessor, also took charge of the office Thursday. His face there, however, is not new. Himself and Ed. Stephens, his deputy, have been familiar about the court house for a long time. As deputy assessor under Tom E. Campbell, Mr. Gentry made one of the best officials this county ever had. He is a man of originality and versatility and of a character which counts in a position such as he now occupies. There is scarcely a foot of real estate or piece of personal property in Yavapai county he cannot describe and appraise minutely on the spur of the moment, and one man declares that he knows just how many rabbit or quail tracks have been made per month for the past three years on every ranch in the county. He bears the distinction of being the only republican office holder in the court house except H. W. Heap, which, of itself, is a high testimonial as to his ability and worth as a public official. And in the person of genial Ed. Stephens he has selected a helper who fits precisely the niche in the office necessary to make its organization first-class.

All the other officials in the court house, save Mr. Suder, the new supervisor, have served the people for some time and are well known, their re-election speaking louder than words as to their official merit. The only fault is their politics, and—well—politics don't count.

Bright Prospects.
The new year starts out auspiciously for the county. The finances are in good shape, every "whipsnitch" of public business is provided for in clear shape, there is a bond issue provided for one of the finest court houses in the whole state and before the close of 1915 everyone hopes to see the beautiful court house plaza the scene of a towering structure which will not only relieve the county of the danger of inestimable loss of fire, but which will be the pride and joy of the county for many years to come.

Here's to the court house clan—Good, every one, to a man; May they stay at the trough With their bills in the trough—Just as long as they can.

Just as long as they can.

GETTING READY TO OPERATE PLACERS

(From Saturday's Daily.)

C. W. Talbott, president of the Lynx Creek Gold Mining Company, who arrived from Kansas City during the week, stated yesterday that operations are to start immediately on the placer project, a camp being established as the first move.

The method of recovery of the values will be by hydraulicking, and for this purpose a dam is to be built on one of the company locations. Talbott has made a careful inspection of the holdings during this and former trips, finally deciding on the water service as offering the most feasible way by which to handle the gravel.

The initial process decided upon will be of limited capacity, but later a larger plan will be carried out, he says. Leading up to this project maturing were the returns given several months ago, when primitive methods were employed that established the project as attractive. These returns were under the supervision of O. O. Smith, who is a member of the general manager hereafter. This project covers ground at the crossing of the wagon road, and aside from limited production to test values, has never been operated.

BOARD CHECKS UP COUNTY OFFICES

(From Saturday's Daily.)

At the close of business on January 1, all the county officials had to present reports to the board of supervisors, and the supervisors met and checked up the various accounts, also counting the money in the vaults of the treasurer and tallying the official bank account.

In the treasurer's office the greatest task at the close of the year exists. Here and there must be a thorough checking over of the books, from which must be taken a balance sheet, showing the transactions in nearly every department of the county government and the condition of the various offices in the court house from a financial standpoint, together with much other data. This balance sheet must be made out in quadruple and requires the labor of running over the books as many as nine times to list all that is necessary to make the report complete. The treasurer also has to present the board with all the unpaid tax accounts, from which a delinquent tax roll is made up. All this was ready for the board when they were ready to do the checking Thursday, which meant that the genial P. J. Koehane, deputy treasurer, had burned a great deal of midnight oil to have everything in such shipshape, as it was found.

The following figures gleaned from the balance sheet will be of interest:

Balance in the county treasury December 1, \$117,399.91; receipts for the month, \$420,543.92; total in the treasury at the close of month, \$537,943.83. Total disbursements for the month \$129,982.16, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$407,961.67.

The tax apportionment is no small item of work. The report shows the following apportionment:

State tax	\$165,521.32
General county fund	86,116.29
Road fund	54,911.44
School fund	45,974.13
Territorial bond fund	13,936.15
County bond fund	6,134.93
County bond interest fund	3,105.34

The checking of the treasurer's books with reference to the delinquent tax roll showed that the roll, which is already made up, contains property valued at a total of \$23,697.56.

During 1914 there has been collected for the road fund \$3,458, and for the school fund, \$7,110.

It was noticed yesterday that the county board of supervisors had a brand new check machine, which will be used in the writing of warrants, embossing them in such a manner that they cannot be changed as to amount.

NELSON SOLVES IM- PORTANT PROBLEM

(From Saturday's Daily.)

That feature of development of the Nelson mines near Crown King in driving a tunnel to intersect known ore bodies determined in early operations by a shaft, has reached a point distant 2,000 feet, and is now entering the ore bodies at great depth, was the statement made by General Manager Geo. P. Harrington on Thursday.

This work will be continued until the lower tunnel reaches a point 3,500 feet from the mouth, when exploration begins on what is said to be one of the big gold mines of the future in this state.

Some idea of the magnitude of the Nelson may be given when it is stated the lower tunnel passes under the upper tunnel at a depth of 225 feet, and 850 feet below the collar of the original shaft, where the initial strike occurred several months ago in a fine grade of gold ore, from which condition the large exploration now on was started. The same character of an ore body as was exposed in the upper tunnel is coming in, demonstrating that the vein continues to great depth. Mr. Harrington stated that the driving of the lower tunnel will be accomplished as fast as the work can be performed, and in the meantime production will be given for the new electro-chemical custom plant that is to be built at once.

When the tunnel reaches a point of 3,000 feet the War Eagle-Gladator will have a decided advantage in having an outlet for its output within 400 feet of its main workings, and can utilize the Nelson channel for this purpose, also. The magnitude of the Nelson exploration solves one of the biggest mine propositions ever undertaken in the Bradshaws, or for that matter in this county. An immense tonnage will be exposed, and a productive property of incalculable rating, seems to be assured, in finally hitting the ore body at great depth as occurred a few days ago.

The Nelson system also carries six well defined fissures, all of which ultimately are to be opened through the zone of the long tunnel that is being driven, which all the more adds to its attractive possibilities.

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